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### DETAILED ACTION

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The priority information in the specification, the application data sheet, and the parent application (09/676,194) are inconsistent. Further, this application sets forth a foreign application that has not been previously noted in any of the parent applications.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

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